

# COLORADO RIVER FORUM

October 17-20, 2022  
Hilton Lake Las Vegas  
Henderson, Nevada



## AGENDA

Monday, October 17

**6:00 pm-8:00 pm**      **Welcome Reception & Dinner**      **Tuscany Courtyard**  
Host: Senator Sine Kerr (AZ)

Tuesday, October 18

**7:00-7:45 am**      **Breakfast**      **MonteLago 1**

**8:00 am**      **Call to Order**      **MonteLago 2**  
Welcome, and Member Introductions – Senator Kerr

**8:15 am**      **The “Law of the River”: A Century in the Making**  
Featured Speaker: Anne J. Castle, Senior Fellow, Getches – Wilkinson Center, University of Colorado Law School

**9:00 am**      **Identifying Pathways to Solutions: Focus on the Lower Colorado River Basin**  
Featured Speaker: Sharon Megdal, Director Water Resources Center, The University of Arizona

**9:45 am**      **Mexico and the Colorado River: History and Impact on National Development and Bilateral Relations**  
Featured Speaker: Carlos de la Parra, Founding Partner, Centro Luken de Estrategias en Agua y Medio Ambiente

**10:15 am**      **Tribal Reserved Water Rights Under the Winters Doctrine**  
Featured Speaker: John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

**11:00 am**      **Managing Colorado River Water Resources: Three State Practices and Perspectives – Arizona, Nevada and Utah**  
Featured Speakers:  
Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources  
John J. Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Amy Haas, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah

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## Tuesday October 18, Continued

<b>12:00-12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>MonteLago 1</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Call Back to Order</b>	<b>MonteLago 2</b>
<b>1:05 pm</b>	<b>International Boundary &amp; Water Commission United States and Mexico</b>	
	Featured Speakers:	
	Sally Spener, Secretary, U.S. Section, IBWC	
	Jesus Luevano Grano, Secretary, Mexican Section, IBWB	
<b>1:45 pm</b>	<b>Colorado River and Tribal Engagement – Perspectives, Priorities and Partnerships</b>	
	Featured Speakers:	
	Lorelei Cloud, Council Member, Southern Ute Tribe	
	The Honorable Stephen Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community	
	T. Daryl Vigil, Water Administrator for the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Chairman, Water is Life, and Colorado River Ten Tribes Partnership Spokesman	
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Roundtable Discussion of Conditions around the Basin</b>	
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	
<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner Cruise (Boards at 6:15 pm. Departs at 6:30pm)</b>	

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Wednesday, October 19th

<b>7:00 am-7:45 am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>MonteLago 1</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Meeting Called to Order</b> Senator Sine Kerr	<b>MonteLago 2</b>
<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Agriculture in the Time of Tier 2 Shortage and Monsoon Flood: Food Security and Partners in Water Conservation and Management</b> Featured Speaker: Dan Jones, Water and Power Attorney, Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, P.L.C.	
<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Pathways to Partnerships: The Southern California Urban Story</b> Featured Speaker: Meena Westford, Executive Policy Advisor, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Binational River Ecosystems in Crisis: Conservation and Restoration</b> Featured Speakers: Jennifer Pitt, Colorado River Program Director, Audubon Nancy A. Smith, Conservation Director for the Colorado River Basin, The Nature Conservancy	
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Open Dialogue: Policy Options to Conditions in the Colorado River Basin</b>	
<b>12:00 – 12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>MonteLago 1</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Called Back to Order</b> Senator Sine Kerr	<b>MonteLago 2</b>
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Hydropower on the Colorado River: Power Continuity and Contingencies</b> Featured Speakers: Rodney Bailey, Senior Vice President and Colorado River Storage Project Manager, Western Area Power Authority Leslie James, Executive Director, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	

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## Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, Continued

- 2:00 pm**                    **Measuring, Understanding, and Predicting Western Water**
- Featured Speaker: Daniel Feldman, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Surface Atmosphere Integrated Field Laboratory (SAIL)
- 3:00 pm**                    **Colorado River Governance: Federal Perspectives**
- Featured Speakers:
- Jacklynn 'Jaci' Gould, Regional Director, Lower Colorado Basin, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Julián Escutia Rodríguez, Consul General of Mexico in Las Vegas
- 3:30 pm**                    **The Future of Governance: Multi-Sovereign Perspectives on the Way Forward**
- Open dialogue and Conversation**
- Tribal Partners
- Federal U.S. and Mexican Partners
- Mexican States
- Colorado Basin States
- 4:30 pm**                    **Colorado River Forum Business**
- Selection of 2023-2024 Biennium State Co-Chairs
  - Next meeting location (state)
- 5:00 pm**                    **Adjourn**
- 6:30– 8:30 pm**            **Dinner on your own**

## Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**    **VIP Policy Tour: Hoover Dam and Power Station**
- Departs at 9:00 am and returns at 12:00 noon to the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort. Comfortable Clothing recommended; **Closed Toe Shoes required**